

The State of New Hampshire
By Her Excellency
Margaret Wood Hassan, Governor

A Proclamation

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK
AUGUST 10-16, 2014

WHEREAS, Community health centers are nonprofit, community-based providers of comprehensive primary and preventive health care, including oral and behavioral health as well as substance abuse services; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide health care to the medically underserved in every county in New Hampshire and are operated by locally-controlled patient boards; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers serve all residents, regardless of insurance coverage or ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide linguistically and culturally appropriate services to meet the needs and priorities of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers are staffed by multi-disciplinary teams of health professionals who choose to serve in communities in need, helping to expand the reach of primary and preventive care; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers provide patient-enabling services, including transportation, care management, and translation services, all of which reduce barriers and facilitate the effective provision of primary and preventive care; and

WHEREAS, Community health centers help New Hampshire lower costs and reduce emergency department visits by providing a high-quality, patient-centered medical home;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARGARET WOOD HASSAN, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **AUGUST 10-16, 2014**, as **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK** in New Hampshire and urge all residents to recognize the important contributions community health centers make in improving the quality of life for all people in our state.

Given this 31st day of July, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-nine.

Margaret Wood Hassan
Governor